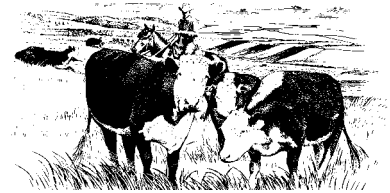


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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 395 thousand head on October 1, 1998, the same as last month and 3 percent above October 1, 1997. During September, placements of 53.0 thousand head were 4 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 50.0 thousand head were 11 percent above September 1997. Other disappearance totaled 3.00 thousand head.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter markets in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.75 million head on October 1, 1998. The inventory was 2 percent below October 1, 1997, but 10 percent above October 1, 1996. The inventory included 5.95 million steers and steer calves, down 2 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.77 million head, down 3 percent from 1997.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.65 million, 2 percent below 1997 and slightly below 1996. Net placements were 2.59 million. During September, placements of cattle and

calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 433 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 479 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 796 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 941 thousand. Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 1.86 million, 3 percent above 1997 and 18 percent above 1996. Other disappearance totaled 61.0 thousand during September, 15 percent above 1997, but 13 percent below 1996.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 2 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN MONTHLY STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 8.38 million on October 1, 1998, down 2 percent from the previous year, but 12 percent above October 1, 1996. The inventory included 5.09 million steers and steer calves, down 1 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.27 million head, down 3 percent from 1997. Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.25 million, 1 percent below 1997 and 1 percent below 1996. Marketings during September totaled 1.58 million, 3 percent above 1997 and 18 percent above 1996. Other disappearance during September was 51.0 thousand head, 21 percent above 1997, but the same as 1996.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed September 1 <u>1/</u>			Placed During September		Marketed During September	
	1997	1998	1998/1997	1997	1998	1997	1998
	----- Thousand Head -----						
Arizona	185	200	108	35	23	26	20
California	380	395	104	55	53	45	50
Colorado	920	840	91	320	370	185	205
Iowa	265	235	89	68	68	42	42
Kansas	2,070	1,950	94	560	530	400	380
Nebraska	1,640	1,520	93	540	570	320	320
Texas	2,390	2,610	109	700	640	510	560
Seven-State Total	7,850	7,750	99	2,278	2,254	1,528	1,577
State	Other Disappearance During September 2/		Number on Feed October 1		1998/1997		
	1997	1998	1997	1998			
	----- Thousand Head -----				Percent		
Arizona	1	2	193	201	104		
California	5	3	385	395	103		
Colorado	5	5	1,050	1,000	95		
Iowa	1	1	290	260	90		
Kansas	10	10	2,220	2,090	94		
Nebraska	10	10	1,850	1,760	95		
Texas	10	20	2,570	2,670	104		
Seven-State Total	42	51	8,558	8,376	98		

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

California milk producers produced 2.18 billion pounds of milk in September 1998, 4 percent below August 1998 and September 1997.

Monthly milk per cow averaged 1,570 pounds, 70 pounds less than August 1998 and 125 pounds less than a year ago.

CALIFORNIA MILK PRODUCTION

Month	CALIFORNIA						Total Milk Receipts <u>1/</u>		UNITED STATES <u>2/</u>					
	Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production				Milk Cows		Milk Per Cow		Milk Production	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds				1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds	
Jan.	1,302	1,354	1,675	1,730	2,181	2,342	2,176	2,340	7,787	7,730	1,433	1,464	11,158	11,316
Feb.	1,307	1,356	1,550	1,535	2,026	2,081	2,026	2,077	7,774	7,726	1,328	1,351	10,321	10,434
Mar.	1,311	1,360	1,805	1,725	2,366	2,346	2,358	2,343	7,763	7,725	1,500	1,517	11,641	11,722
Apr.	1,315	1,364	1,795	1,695	2,360	2,312	2,357	2,311	7,763	7,735	1,474	1,499	11,446	11,591
May	1,320	1,370	1,835	1,775	2,422	2,432	2,415	2,430	7,765	7,750	1,529	1,557	11,869	12,067
June	1,324	1,374	1,755	1,715	2,324	2,356	2,314	2,313	7,765	7,753	1,471	1,476	11,419	11,446
July	1,328	1,379	1,805	1,675	2,397	2,310	2,383	2,308	7,765	7,750	1,473	1,464	11,437	11,345
Aug.	1,332	1,383	1,780	1,640	2,371	2,268	2,364	2,266	7,757	7,753	1,446	1,439	11,213	11,160
Sept.	1,335	1,387	1,695	1,570	2,263	2,178	2,256		7,752	7,757	1,377	1,381	10,671	10,712
Oct.	1,339		1,755		2,350		2,345		7,750		1,416		10,977	
Nov.	1,343		1,685		2,263		2,260		7,737		1,369		10,591	
Dec.	1,348		1,710		2,305		2,302		7,732		1,438		11,118	

^{1/} Milk receipts from California Department of Food and Agriculture, Dairy Marketing and Milk Pooling Branches. Excludes on-farm usage.

^{2/} Twenty-state total.

CALIFORNIA CASH INCOME BY COMMODITIES AND COMMODITY GROUPS, 1995-97

Source of Income	1995	1996	1997
	\$1,000		
LIVESTOCK, POULTRY & PRODUCTS			
Aquaculture	12,055	12,011	14,875
Broilers	383,175	456,690	471,978
Cattle & Calves	1,289,765	1,118,487	1,322,892
Eggs	288,369	367,317	344,810
Farm Chickens	910	812	1,232
Hogs	35,887	41,895	43,914
Honey	24,608	22,932	21,000
Milk & Cream	3,079,740	3,714,624	3,618,094
Sheep & Lambs	68,920	85,052	80,949
Turkeys	212,520	221,738	201,978
Wool	5,355	3,256	3,476
Other Livestock & Poultry	147,990	167,007	169,041
TOTAL	5,549,294	6,211,821	6,294,239

Source of Income	1995	1996	1997
	\$1,000		
VEGETABLE CROPS	5,730,327	5,448,094	5,974,094
FIELD CROPS	3,112,781	2,989,056	3,171,585
FRUIT & NUT CROPS	5,983,149	6,554,449	7,490,704
NURSERY/GREENHOUSE PRODUCTS	2,158,508	2,281,327	2,346,432
CHRISTMAS TREES	14,928	12,491	12,000
TOTAL CASH INCOME FROM MARKETINGS	22,548,987	23,497,238	25,289,054
FARM RELATED INCOME	1,041,815	1,765,815	1,504,258
GROSS CASH INCOME FROM FARMING 1/	23,590,802	25,263,053	26,793,312

^{1/} Includes value of home consumption, value of inventory adjustments, machine hire and custom work, forest products sold, rental value of farm dwelling, government payments, and other miscellaneous farm income.

SOURCE: USDA Economic Research Service

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California production of red meat during September 1998 totaled 92.5 million pounds (dressed weight), 4 percent above last month and 8 percent above September 1997. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In September 1998, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,244 pounds; calves, 121 pounds; and hogs, 211 pounds.

RED MEAT AND PORK PRODUCTION SET RECORD HIGHS FOR SEPTEMBER

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.83 billion pounds in September, up 4 percent from the 3.66 billion pounds produced in September 1997 and 3 percent more than the previous record high for September set in 1994. This marked the fourth month of record high red meat production in 1998.

September 1997 and 1998 both contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.19 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.99 million head, up 1 percent from 1997. The average live weight was up 20 pounds from the previous year to 1,213 pounds.

Veal production totaled 22.0 million pounds, 21 percent below a year ago and equaling the previous record low for September set in 1993. Calf slaughter totaled 135 thousand head, down 1 percent from September 1997. The average live weight was 269 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.59 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year and 3 percent higher than the previous record high for September set in 1994. This was the sixth month of record high pork production in 1998. Hog kill totaled 8.59 million head, 7 percent above 1997. The average live weight, at 253 pounds, was 1 pound below the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.0 million pounds, was down 8 percent from last year and 5 percent below the previous record low for September set in 1996. Sheep slaughter totaled 306 thousand head, 5 percent below last year. The average live weight was 125 pounds, down 4 pounds from September a year ago.

January-September red meat production was 33.4 billion pounds, 4 percent above the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated production was as follows: beef, up 1 percent; veal, down 23 percent; pork, up 10 percent; lamb and mutton, down 3 percent.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, SEPTEMBER 1997-98 1/

Class & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1997	1998	1997	1998	1997	1998
	- 1,000 Head -		- 1,000 Pounds -		- Pounds -	
CATTLE						
Calif.	83.9	88.4	105,058	109,946	1,253	1,244
U.S. Total	2,967.7	2,988.9	3,540,165	3,626,553	1,193	1,213
CALVES						
Calif.	17.0	15.7	5,897	1,904	346	121
U.S. Total	136.4	135.3	45,504	36,446	334	269
SHEEP & LAMBS						
Calif.	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	322.3	305.8	41,667	38,095	129	125
HOGS						
Calif.	160.9	206.5	33,566	43,527	209	211
U.S. Total	8,018.1	8,593.9	2,037,017	2,174,014	254	253
RED MEAT	September 1997	August 1998 2/	September 1998	Sept. 98 Sept. 97	Sept. 98 Aug. 98	
	--- Million Pounds ---			-- Percent --		
Calif.	85.7	88.6	92.5	108	104	
U.S. Total	3,664.4	3,769.5	3,825.3	104	101	

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised U.S. total.

FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

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Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		Sept. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sept. 15, 1998	Sept. 1997	Aug. 1998	Sept. 15, 1998
		----- Dollars -----					
All Hay, Baled 2/	Ton	122.00	97.00	91.00	100.00	88.50	86.50
Alfalfa, Baled 2/	Ton	124.00	99.00	93.00	106.00	90.50	89.10
Hogs 2/	Cwt.	---	---	---	50.40	35.10	29.40
Cows 2/	Cwt.	33.00	34.50	33.50	34.40	34.20	33.40
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	64.00	59.00	57.25	67.00	59.70	58.20
Calves 2/	Cwt.	71.00	68.00	63.50	86.90	76.90	73.80
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	30.00	29.00	27.50	33.90	28.90	---
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	89.00	79.00	78.00	90.20	79.90	---
Milk Cows 3/	Head	---	---	---	---	---	---
All Milk Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	12.29	15.60	16.20	13.10	15.40	16.20

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.